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How Can I Learn More About Military Service Academy Nominations?

I encourage anyone interested in seeking an appointment to one of the Military Service Academies to go to my website, www.timscott.house.gov click on the Serving You tab and select Military Academy Nominations, to get all the information necessary for seeking a nomination from me. I will need a complete nominations application packet no later than the **October 31st** cutoff date for the class entering the following July. While you will find all the details on my website, below is a brief overview of the process.

Nomination Process

The process is a two-track process. Each person wishing to be considered for an appointment to any of the U.S. Military Academies except the Coast Guard Academy, must apply directly to each academy for which he/she is interested in seeking an appointment, and also apply for a nomination from his/her Congressman, U.S. Senators and/or the U.S. Vice President. Of the five U.S. Military Academies, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (www.uscga.edu) alone does not require Congressional Nominations.

Each U.S. Congressman and U.S. Senator is allowed to have credited to their office no more than five cadets/midshipmen at each of the three major academies, U.S. Military Academy at West Point (www.usma.edu), U.S. Naval Academy (www.usna.edu) and U.S. Air Force Academy (www.usafa.edu) at any given time. Each may nominate up to ten qualified people for each opening each year. Most years, there will be one opening for each Congressman or Senator to fill at each of these academies. Therefore, the opportunity to receive a nomination is very limited and highly competitive. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (www.usmma.edu) does not set a limit on the number of nominations each member can make.